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## NO NCAA PENALTIES AGAINST PETERSON

Posted by Dorr - 2008/03/18 00:52

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Received this email today: "Thanks again for keeping us updated. You have done a tremendous service keeping all of us aware of what was happening. I still can't fathom our church owned university doing what they did to Tom. I guess this is an example of trying to remember it was decisions of individuals and not to judge the church or university by the actions of a few. I pray that things will work out for Tom. I know he thought this was his dream job but it certainly was a nightmare in the end and hopefully he will come out on top and even better off. I thought it was pretty interesting to read the comments that accompanied some of the articles and see that they were 99% in his favor. Even the comments from former players never questioned his integrity or coaching. He can hold his head high for the way he conducted himself these past 18 months. I don't know too many people that could have handled things the way he did. I truly admire him and Sheryl."

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## Re:NO NCAA PENALTIES AGAINST PETERSON

Posted by Dorr - 2008/03/18 15:08

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Judging by information in the news, yesterday, BYU had a challenging weekend. It is understandable that administrators would be on edge! All is not lost. The BYU Men's Volleyball Team is achieving. Several of Coach Tom Peterson's talented recruits are helping to keep the current team at the top of the Pacific Federation in Division 1 this year!:)

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## Re:NO NCAA PENALTIES AGAINST PETERSON

Posted by Dorr - 2008/03/19 11:33

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Comment from Light bulb: Wow! It sounds like the media is running with this BYU volleyball story. I'm guessing that BYU didn't expect to be squirming under the spotlight after the final decision was made. At least everyone knows what happened now instead of just having it brushed under the rug.

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## Re:NO NCAA PENALTIES AGAINST PETERSON

Posted by Dorr - 2008/03/20 12:13

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A large sports front page article in the Daily Herald written during Coach Peterson's time as head men's volleyball coach at BYU highlighted Michael Burke who played for the 2004 BYU Men's Volleyball Championship Team under Peterson's coaching. Burke was from Utah and became a team leader in BYU volleyball. Peterson preached the desirability of developing local talent from Utah Valley as well as from the state. He was hoping that a volleyball program of some kind for local high schools could produce recruits for BYU.

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## Re:NO NCAA PENALTIES AGAINST PETERSON

Posted by Dorr - 2008/03/23 18:44

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Sent to me by Trueblue: The BYU volleyball interim coach spoke to the Cougar Club. I wonder if he and his sponsors know what we are thinking as we listen to their comments. There are "old boys clubs" all around universities and the NCAA. These men have made great contributions but do not want the status quo to change, even for the better. We pictured Coach Peterson as one of the "younger boys club" who would bring improvements to BYU and to the NCAA. Peterson is a coach who has been a great teacher and mentor to the likes of: Shawn Patchell - interim head coach BYU, Grayson DuBose - head coach Utah State University, Ethan Watts - BYU Hall of Fame, Sean Olmstead - asst. coach Utah State University, Shay Clemenson of Salt Lake Community College - new head coach women's volleyball BYU, Debbie Baker - asst. coach New Mexico State, Mark Pavlick - head coach Penn State, etc. Peterson hoped a plan could

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be developed for fostering local talent like Michael Burke of the 2004 BYU Championship Team and Joe Hillman of the 2004 BYU Championship Team who came from UVSC. Teacher and mentor - Peterson wanted to contribute to his favorite school.

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**Re:NO NCAA PENALTIES AGAINST PETERSON**

Posted by Dorr - 2008/03/24 17:15

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This is one of the more interesting emails I have received:

NO PENALTIES FOR COACH PETERSON:

I agree with "Trueblue" who emailed me. There is a limit to the propoganda I can stand. Coach Peterson would have brought some welcome changes in the old guard. Not that the old guard members haven't contributed to BYU Sports, but they just don't want to hand the reins to anyone but someone who will do things their way. Some of the men involved have grievances against Peterson, like he has been successful, for instance! Grow up athletic administration and Cougar Club members and move into the future without fumbling it or the people who are willing and able to tackle it successfully!

"TrulyBluecougar"

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**Re:NO NCAA PENALTIES AGAINST PETERSON**

Posted by Dorr - 2008/03/27 08:36

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Message from "Dondofan" in Redondo Beach California: I offered to buy Coach Peterson and his wife a sandwich at Burger King during their recent visit to Redondo Beach. We were enjoying our meals when a wave of athletic jackets entered filled with excited young men. One of the young men spotted Coach Peterson and made a b-line for us. He took Coach Peterson's hand and said, "Coach, it's great to see you around here! Hey, we just won our volleyball game at El Camino Jr. College! We won our game last night, as well!" They proceeded to discuss volleyball, and we enjoyed their enthusiasm. The young man wanted Peterson to remember him, I could tell. After the young man left, I asked Coach Peterson if he were a past student or player of his. Coach Peterson replied, "I have never seen him before in my life."

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**Re:NO NCAA PENALTIES AGAINST PETERSON**

Posted by Dorr - 2008/03/28 09:35

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Dorr | 9:26 a.m. Mar. 28, 2008

I have found these past weeks, by reading newspapers, that BYU athletic administrators do support personnel! Their support just depends on who the person is. If they want the person around for some reason, that person will get their support. It is the same with the newspapers. The truth is subordinate to selling papers or expressing the views of those in charge or what those in charge insist is the feeling of the majority readership. "It is a matter of business," both entities insist, and "business is cruel." Interesting admissions from a school based on the life and teachings of the Savior and public voices who claim to be seeking the truth.

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**Re:NO NCAA PENALTIES AGAINST PETERSON**

Posted by Dorr - 2008/03/30 17:12

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Text message received from Smith Fieldhouse during the men's volleyball competition this past weekend between BYU/Santa Barbara:

"This team needs Coach Peterson."

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## Re:NO NCAA PENALTIES AGAINST PETERSON

Posted by Dorr - 2008/04/03 21:44

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Comments from "Lightbulb" - Sorry to hear about the volleyball situation. I hope Tom Peterson can find something he likes to do. He, obviously, belongs court-side, coaching a team. I hope he can do it again.

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## Re:NO NCAA PENALTIES AGAINST PETERSON

Posted by Dorr - 2008/04/04 08:10

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We enjoyed the Tribune sports news article of 23 March about BYU's men's volleyball situation which included a photo of Coach Tom Peterson labeled "Coach Shawn Patchell!" Was this an error or a joke or a subconscious wish or a suggestion? We also appreciated the comments of baseball coach Law that were included in the article. We "wish" that Peterson could coach a men's volleyball team at UVSC (UVU) where there is one opening for a men's athletic program. The team could start competing at once with BYU, Stanford, UCLA, Pepperdine, etc., in the Pacific Federation. We contributed to a fund at UVSC (UVU) in the name of Parlell G. and Ruth Lewis Peterson for a men's volleyball program. Athlete and coach, Parlell Peterson developed the recreation and athletic programs of Orem when it was becoming a city.

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## Re:NO NCAA PENALTIES AGAINST PETERSON

Posted by Dorr - 2008/04/13 15:34

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It is good to hear the young players on the BYU Men's Volleyball Team have been doing so well. It should be good news to Coach Peterson, as well, since he recruited or was responsible for recruiting the talented young men.

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